

AT THE CITY HALL.

The City Badly in Need of More Money.

PLACES WHERE IT IS WASTED.

Two Clerks Paid \$40 and \$50 to Laboriously Register One Man a Day and it Comes Out of the People's Pockets.

In compliance with an order made by the city council at its last meeting, Street Commissioner Naylor has reduced the street force to the lowest possible notch, carrying simply enough men on his payroll to keep Kansas avenue decently clean.

This is the first sign of a retrenching process that must last until the close of the year; for the city is very short of funds—or rather has plenty of "funds" with nothing in them. There is only a trifling over \$9,000 in the combined general revenue and general improvement funds today, which must carry the city until about July 15th, when the June taxes will be available. In view of the fact that the ordinary operating expenses of the city are from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a month, it would seem that the balance on hand at that date would surely be a minus quantity. The city seems destined to run into "the hole" deeper and broader than the coal hole.

Under these conditions the street force is always the first to suffer. The other city departments are already reduced to a point where further cuts are impossible. If the council had its way there would no doubt be a cut in the police force, but unfortunately the police commissioners are the only ones who can make reductions in this department, and they claim the force is already insufficient. The fire department will not be molested. This has been tried before, but those who made the trial have regretted it. At the electric light plant the force is so small that one fireman is compelled to shovel coal without intermission from 6 p. m. till 6 a. m. All the other city departments are operated no less economically under a salary ordinance passed last February, which it was thought would make retrenchment unnecessary.

One of the heaviest taxpayers in town who didn't want to be quoted said to a JOURNAL reporter today, "I don't profess to know a great deal about running a city like Topeka, but it seems to me as a plain business proposition that the city council ought to be able to know just how much money it will have available in a given time, and regulate their expenses accordingly. If they only have \$20,000 for one quarter why they should only spend \$20,000 a month, and there would be no deficiency. If they spend \$12,000 in a single month, the deficiency is their own fault, and the people are the ones who must suffer. I would like to see the city run as the councilmen run their private business enterprises. They don't spend two months' income in one, and run the chance of starving to death in the last month.

"The people of Topeka pay immense taxes, but yet we haven't even money enough to repair the pavements or make needed grades in the streets. This is what we pay taxes for, but we don't get

it. It is to accomplish these and other purposes that a municipality is organized. If we can't do it, we ought to go out of business or have receivers appointed."

A USELESS APPENDAGE.

That is What the City Clerk Calls the Election Commissioner.

City Clerk S. S. McFadden has a great many faults to find with the laws pertaining to the cities of the first-class in Kansas, but if there is any feature he detests more than another it is the election law. Mr. McFadden says the office of commissioner of elections is one created wholly to make one more place to fill, and is as useless as "p" in pneumonia. Mr. McFadden says that under the election law as it now stands the city clerk does all the work and the commissioner of election gets \$1,200 a year for it. The commissioner's duties consist largely of signing his name to election notices. Mr. McFadden says that with an additional clerk all the work of that department could be done in his office.

Commissioner Frank Herald has at present two assistants, Nick North and Frank Whiteker, who are paid \$40 and \$50 a month. It is their duty to attend to the registration. Yesterday they were in their office all day. The registration consisted of one (1) man. In the week preceding an election there is enough work to keep two clerks busy, but before that time there seems to be an opening here for the pruning knife of retrenchment to get in its work.

BUILDING PERMITS.

A Number of Them Issued to Allow Minor Improvements.

Building permits have been issued out of the office of the fire marshal as follows:

D. Pratt to build an addition to residence at 93 Madison street to cost \$250.

George M. Tilford to build a barn at 135 Jefferson street to cost \$150.

J. D. Vanter to build a store at 618 Clay street to cost \$1,200.

J. B. Rea to build an addition to residence at 68 Klein street to cost \$150.

M. M. Lindamood to build an addition to residence at 32 Locust street to cost \$150.

W. D. Bussom to build an addition to residence at 228 Chestnut street to cost \$300.

L. E. Middaugh to build a dwelling at 473-75 Fillmore street to cost \$500.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Items of Interest From the Various Municipal Departments.

City Engineer Lewis Kingman finds it necessary to use spectacles continually when he is working.

The fire marshal's annual report is being delayed by reason of the slow settlement of some of the insurance on property involved.

City Engineer Lewis Kingman will have a few of the worst places in the asphalt pavement repaired with John Bradley's native asphalt.

The election expenses last week were about \$375. The largest item was salaries of judges and clerks, \$187; rent of polling places, \$90; printing and supplies, \$68.

SOME OF COXEY'S FRIENDS.

A Batch of Tramps Handed by Police Judge Ensminger.

Judge Ensminger's face lengthened out considerably when he glanced over the names on the police court docket. All were those of tramps well known to the police.

Jim O'Bryan was first called by Assistant City Attorney Hungate. He had been in before and his fine was made \$10 with a promise of having it doubled if he ever came back.

Wm. Brown said he was going to leave town when Officer Campbell arrested him. The police said he was a well known tramp, and he was given \$10.

John Burns who was next called gave Officer Summers a lively race across the Rock Island bridge. He said he was not drunk and pleaded not guilty. He had been in a hotel in North Topeka and had refused to leave when ordered to do so. Hungate then had the charge amended to include disorderly conduct. He acted as his own attorney and several times attempted to interrupt the officers who were testifying. "Will you shut up?" said Judge Ensminger. He said he would but he didn't until he was threatened with being locked up without a trial. Judge Ensminger made his fine \$20.

Addy Redmond admitted that he was drunk and was given a fine of \$10.

Ed. West said he was not guilty. He was arrested by Officer Owen and Parker last night at 12 o'clock at the U. P. depot. He said he was from Texas and was a painter, and out of work. Sergeant Donovan said he had been around town for six weeks. "I had been drinking a little your honor, but I could navigate all right." His fine was made \$5.

WHERE IS BROGAN?

Whereabouts of the Protege of the Trades Assembly.

What has become of Frank Brogan? The trades assembly kept him for two weeks at Adams' restaurant on East Fourth street. He left there last Friday and although he has been seen on the streets since then he has not called on any of his friends who have done their best to keep him alive. He has not spoken to any of the trades assembly men or Mr. Adams since he left the restaurant.

Brogan has not found a job yet, and how he keeps from starving is a mystery to those who are interested in him. Mr. Adams says Brogan is as yet unable to do much work. He expressed the conviction, however, that he is a worthy man. He arrives at this conclusion largely because he washed his hands and face before every meal, used a napkin and ate pie with a fork.

LOCAL MENTION.

Judge Hazen has assigned the civil cases for trial at this term of the district court, up to Saturday, April 21st.

Sergeant Tim Donovan says he has been informed that the train robber who was shot was one of the Daltons, and that the man who did the killing is an ex-Wichita policeman, and is well known in Topeka.

The spring session of the Kansas Medical college is now in operation. Doctors D. B. Colcord and J. L. Gilbert are at the head of this summer school. Chemistry, pharmacy and microscopy are taught. Doctor Colcord, who is the Rock Island chemist, is the professor of chemistry, and Mr. D. F. Deem, a practical pharmacist, is the demonstrator. Dr. Gilbert is the professor of microscopy.

The Daily STATE JOURNAL prints all the news.

PRISONERS MEETING.

Tramps Refuse to Crack Rock at the City Jail.

THIRTEEN MEN GO ON STRIKE.

Alleging as a Cause That One of Their Number Has Been Locked Up On Bread and Water.

There were thirteen men on the city rockpile this morning and as might have been expected, something unlucky happened. The thirteen men laid down their hammers and refused to work. The police do not admit that the fact that the prisoner who made the trouble was the unlucky thirteenth, had anything to do with the strike. His name as given to the police is Ed West, and he was locked up last night about 12 o'clock on the charge of drunkenness. He was arrested at the Union Pacific depot in North Topeka by Officers Owen and Parker. He says he is a painter out of work and that his home is in northwestern Texas. He has been in Topeka, the police say, during the past six weeks. When he was arraigned this morning he pleaded not guilty and begged to be allowed to get out of town, which is generally the request of tramps. He had an oily tongue. Judge Ensminger fined him \$5, while the other prisoners paid \$10 each.

One who was fined \$20. When E. Foote, who has charge of the stonepile, marshaled his forces and distributed hammers, West took his place and was prepared for him in one corner. He sat down and idly pounded on the floor. Foote ordered him to work but he paid no attention. After commanding him several times to work Foote blew his whistle and Jailer Ed Woodruff hustled West into a cell where he was locked up on a diet of bread and water.

The men worked on a short time but when Foote stepped out a few seconds the sound of the hammers ceased. John Burns who was arrested yesterday and attempted to escape from Officer Summers encouraged the workers to strike. Burns was fined \$20 this morning and he seemed very much dissatisfied because he was fined at all. When Foote returned no one was at work and he said, "Well I want to hear those hammers rattling." They didn't rattle, however, and the workers sat sullenly in their places. Burns told Foote they would go to work unless West was let out. No show of acceding to such a demand was made and again the whistle of Watchman Foote sounded. All the men but two marched into the prison and were locked up.

The two men who did not go were Lee Curtis and Lewis Webb, arrested in North Topeka last week. They both said they held a conference. "The gang will be down on us if we don't go," said Webb. This seemed to settle the matter, and Webb and Curtis marched in to be put on short rations with the other refractory strikers. They both said that they had nothing to do with the trouble and it was only through fear of the "gang" that they joined the opposing forces.

The sympathetic strikers are nearly all tramps arrested for being drunk.

The names and fines of the rock-pile gang are as follows: Ed West, \$5; John Burns, \$20; John Murphy, \$5; John O'Brien, \$5; Jas. Smith, \$10; Tom Carroll, \$5; James O'Brien, \$5; Chas. Williams, \$10; A. Redmond, \$10; James Williams, \$10.

Some of the men had worked out nearly their entire time.

This is the second mutiny among the prisoners at the city jail within the past six weeks. There must be something wrong which the police board should investigate.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The Fourth of July comes on Wednesday this year.

As a successful jailer Ed. Woodruff is a great failure.

A new \$1,200 business building is being erected at 618 Clay street.

The Grand Army Posts are preparing to observe Decoration Day.

H. M. Millard of Sterling, a candidate for state auditor, is in the city.

The street grader is doing some unimportant work in North Topeka.

Another year with Police Jailer Woodruff in charge. Oh, my, oh, my!

The Epworth league of the First M. E. church will be held this evening.

An electionary recital will occur at Bethany college Saturday evening.

E. M. Shelden is building an addition to his residence, at 1025 Taylor street.

Ex-Archbishop General Kellogg of Emporia, is attending United States court.

At the city election 168 ballots were thrown out because they were defective.

The Topeka Presbytery is in session today at the Third Presbyterian church.

Rev. E. S. Farrand's little son is sick again, this time with inflammation of the bowels.

Rev. Dr. Blakesley has shaved off his whiskers. They had done thirty years' service.

An Italian with a Scotch bag-pipe made the day hideous on Kansas avenue yesterday.

A new bowling alley, of standard width, is to be put in at the Topeka Athletic club rooms.

An overcoat belonging to George Stumback, was stolen from U. B. McCurdy's barn last night.

The gymnasium exhibition at Washburn college will be given soon. The classes are now practicing for the event.

The county commissioners have issued an order vacating a part of Klein's first and second additions to the city of Topeka.

Walter Holcomb of the state labor bureau, who has been sick, has gone to his home at Douglass for a short vacation.

The trees in the state house yard have been trimmed, and the old fence has been removed from the south and west sides of the block.

The junior chorus, which is to furnish music at the State Christian Endeavor convention, May 24-27, now has a membership of 75.

The part of Orchard Highland addition owned by O. B. Tewksbury, has been ordered vacated by the county commissioners.

Judge Hazen has sentenced Will Wheeler, the colored boy who stole some door bells, to pay a fine of \$10 and serve three months in jail.

Oliver and Lenoir Hitt of this city are employed by the Rock Island at Fond Creek, the scene of the desperate train robbery of yesterday.

The annual report of the state board of

health will come from the state printers in a few days. It will be a smaller book than the preceding ones.

The newly elected constables are now on duty. W. W. Williams is at Furry's court, Fred Stonestreet at Chesney's, and Josiah Ross at Grover's.

Alexander Shultz, a 14-year-old boy, ran away from his home, 424 Liberty street, a week ago, and has not been heard from by his parents.

Mrs. L. O. Case, Topeka's lady lawyer, won her first law suit Friday. She sued Lawyer Joe Ward for a lady client and got a judgment against him.

Ex-Policeman Wiley says that he thinks he will wait until after the next election to give the "ex-policemen's ball." He says he can get a larger crowd then.

H. C. Safford and J. G. Wood, addressed the Third ward Republican club last night in the hall over Frazier's grocery, corner of Hinton and Lincoln street.

Officer Carruthers has been instrumental in getting up the ordinance, which will soon be presented to the council, to keep young boys off the streets after night.

Simon Greenspan says the bonds he sold to the state school fund commissioners are good and their legality has never been questioned. They were Gray county bonds.

Charles Hutchins, a Topeka colored man, has brought suit in the district court for a divorce from his wife because she would not work and would not treat him with kindness. He says she was cruel and would frequently swear at him.

Walter Richards was the victim of a fainting fit about 5 o'clock last evening. He was sitting in a chair in Klauer's cigar store, when he suddenly fell over on the floor, cutting the side of his face on a cuspidor. He was carried home in a hack.

A fakir on the street today said that the only difference between a lawyer and a doctor, was that when a lawyer made a mistake there was always another lawyer to jump up and expose him, but that when a doctor made a mistake it was carried out the door in a coffin.

APRIL'S NEED OF SLEEP.

Business Men, Over-Tired Housekeepers, Teachers, Students and Men and Women in the Whirl of Society Lack Rest.

Sweet sleep is nature's soft nurse.

Half the fretfulness, sickness and complaining might be laid at the door of lack of sleep.

There is not one man or woman in ten thousand who can afford to do without seven or eight hours' sleep. All the stories about great men and women who slept three or four hours a night make very interesting reading but no one ever kept health in body and mind with less than seven hours' sound sleep.

Americans need more sleep than they are getting. This lack makes them thin and nervous, weak and complaining.

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GRAND OPERA NEXT WEEK.

The Advance Sale of Seats Now Open at Kansas City.

The advance sale for Kansas City's festival of grand opera which begins April 18, opened Monday at the junction ticket office, Kansas City. Tickets may be obtained by Topeka people by writing Lee F. Spring, manager, Kansas City, and mentioning the STATE JOURNAL. Miss Helen Von Doenhoff, the noted contralto for years connected with Emma Juch and America Opera company, is one of the large corps of principals. She is also noted for the dramatic fervor of her acting. The New York Times recently described Miss Von Doenhoff's voice as rich, full prima donna contralto of exceptionally even quality throughout a large compass—one of those voices which is becoming rarer and rarer nowadays.

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Ladies' Pure Linen Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, former price 35c, 39c, 40c, 48c; closing them out for 25c.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs in Silk and Linen, slightly soiled, will close them out for 10c.

One lot of Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 35c and 40c; will close them out for 15c each.

Just received—An elegant line of all Silk Windsor Ties, only 25c each.

GENT'S NIGHT SHIRTS.

We will place on sale this week 25 dozen Gent's Night Shirts, fancy trimmed and plain fronts at 50c. See if you can match them in town for 50c.

Ladies' 26-inch Silk Umbrellas reduced from \$1.25 to 96c each.

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One case full Standard Prints, sold everywhere in town for 7c—5c is our price this week.

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One case large size White Crochet Quilts, worth \$1.25, for \$1.10.

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Geo. C. Beach, 218 West 6th st.
I. K. Trueblood, Abundantide.
J. K. Thompson, 118 East 6th ave.
Messrs. Laws, 404 East 4th st.
Freeman Bros., 114 Kansas ave.
Hammond & Co., 203 Kansas ave.
Folkner, 506 East 5th st.
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DOCTORS TO BE HERE. The Eastern Kansas Medical Society to Assemble in Topeka.

Tomorrow evening, the Eastern Kansas Medical society meets at the United Workman's hall, at 723 Kansas avenue, in regular session. The membership of this society embraces points within a radius of twenty miles of this city. An interesting programme, consisting of the president's address, by Dr. A. B. McChandless, a paper entitled: "After-Treatment of Abdominal Sections," by Dr. Emory Lanphear. A paper (subject optional) by Dr. J. A. Rafter, a paper entitled: "For What Are We Indebted to Brown-Sequard?" by Dr. D. B. Eastman, and a symposium on "Immunity," by Dr. B. E. Fryer.

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17 lbs. White Lard.....	1 00
4 lbs. California Prunes.....	25
2 cans Vinton Corn.....	15
4 cans Sugar Corn.....	25
Green Peas, per can.....	05
2 cans White Wax Beans.....	15
Lewis' Lye, per can.....	10
7 bars White Russian Soap.....	25
8 bars White Spanish Soap.....	25
6 bars Ivory Soap.....	25
4 pkgs. Kingsford's Cornstarch.....	25
lb. box Gloss Starch.....	35
8 cans Table Peas.....	25
8 lbs. Hand-Picked Navy Beans.....	25
7 lbs. New Lima Beans.....	25
4 lbs. Rio or Flake Tapioca.....	25
Large Native Potatoes, per bu.....	60
Large White Colo. Potatoes, per bu.....	75
Good Tea, per lb.....	25
All kinds pkg. Coffees.....	24
Star Tobacco, per lb.....	38
Horseshoe Tobacco, per lb.....	37